

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

EUGENE C. THACH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING

January 31, 2000

A. CALL TO ORDER

The January 31, 2000, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Eugene C. Thach of DeSoto County.

Sheriff James A. Riley of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach----- District 2
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----District 3
Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. “Sluggo” Davis-----Chancery Clerk
James. A. Riley-----Sheriff
David Armstrong-----County Administrator
William Austin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Tommy Lewis.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Four Year Road Plan

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, presented a draft of the Four Year Road Plan for the years 2000 through 2003 to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Road Manager said that by approving this road plan the Board of Supervisors is not committed to completing the projects approved on the road report but at the same time, it does keep the Board from getting involved in projects that are not listed. The Road Manager said that the Four Year Road Plan can be amended daily, annually, hourly or in any manner the Board chooses.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked the difference between the list the Road Manager handed out and the previous list he gave the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Gunn responded that he has added two roads to the list, Dean Road and Church Road west of Highway 51. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the Church Road project is not included in the Church Road improvements that the County is working on. Supervisor Tommy Lewis suggested removing that item but adding getting the railroad trestles built. The Board of Supervisors agreed to eliminate “Church Road - Widen to five lane with curb and gutter from Highway 51 to Tulane with an estimated cost of \$2,850,000.” Supervisor Jessie Medlin suggested putting the improvements to railroad trestles on the list for the Washington trip to request money from the federal government, as the opportunity may be good to get some assistance. Supervisor John Caldwell said that the Hacks

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Cross Road and Polk Lane Projects need to be removed from the list because they have other

funding. Supervisor Caldwell said that the County Engineer, Daniel Murphey, said that the list does not need to include state aid funded projects.

Getwell - Design, acquire right-of-way and construct approximately 1.5 miles of roadway from Gray's Creek Bridge north of Bolin Road. The Road Manager said that this road work will be done by the County first.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that the Board needs to know the direct costs, not the indirect costs, that may be absorbed through the Road Manager's budget. Supervisor Lewis said that we need to know how much money he will need to have added to his budget.

Gwynn Road - Acquire right-of-way and straighten curve between Nesbit Road and Central Maintenance at an estimated cost of \$10,000. The Road Manager said that the "S" curve in this road needs to be straightened for safety reasons.

Hacks Cross Road - Design and widen approximately 4.5 miles of roadway from Highway 78 north to Stateline. Estimated cost of \$6,750,000. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that this project is included on the list but the County is only obligated for the north part of the roadway as economic development money will provide funding for the vast majority of this project. Supervisor Medlin agreed that the Board of Supervisors only needs to know what costs they have to pay.

Holly Springs Road - Design, acquire right-of-way and construction approximately 2.0 miles of roadway from 1.0 mile east of Cockrum east to Red Banks Road. Estimated cost of \$1,600,000. The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, said that the County will be involved in some portion of that project in the next four years. The Board of Supervisors said that the two legs of Holly Springs Road are not on the same section line and will have to be joined together.

McIngvale Road - Design, acquire right-of-way and construct approximately 1.0 mile of roadway from Byhalia Road north to Green T Road at an estimated cost of \$300,000. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that the County does not have a chance of an interchange if the road is not in place at the time Highway 304 is built. The Board of Supervisors discussed the possibility of getting an interchange in this area at all. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that if this interchange is omitted there will not be an interchange until Tulane Road, as there is no interchange planned for Interstate 55 or Highway 51.

Nail Road - Clearing and rough grading approximately 1.0 mile of roadway from Highway 51 east to Pepper Chase Drive at an estimated cost of \$80,000. Supervisor Thach asked if the developer is supposed to construct the road, and how this will affect the extra tax assessment planned by the City of Horn Lake. Supervisor Caldwell said that it would not affect it at all.

Nail Road - Acquire right-of-way and construct road department access road from Delta View Road north 0.2 miles to Nail Road at an estimated cost of \$5,000. The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, said that the construction of this road will keep County equipment from having to get on the main road, which is a hazard. Mr. Gunn said that this will likely prevent an accident in the future.

Nail Road - Design, acquire right-of-way and widen to five lanes with curb and gutter approximately 2.5 miles of roadway from Highway 51 west to Horn Lake Road. Estimated cost \$4,000,000 (50% S.A., 50% budget). Supervisor John Caldwell said that this project includes federal ISTEA money. Supervisor Caldwell said therefore, you cannot put state aid funds in that project. Supervisor Thach said that the County needs to be cautious about getting into projects

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that are already started. Supervisor John Caldwell said our commitment would be between \$500,000 and \$750,000 for this project. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said we need to be careful

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about building roads for developers. The Board speculated that if the County does that for one developer, all developers will want the same thing. The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, said that the County does not have to have an interlocal agreement with the city to clear land. The Board Attorney agreed that the County could build any road in the city. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that the County should require a signed agreement from the City of Horn Lake that the road is going to be built by the City and/or developers before the County clears the land for the road. The Board of Supervisors agreed.

Supervisor John Caldwell said that an access road to the Civic Center would be needed. County Administrator, David Armstrong, said that if the City of Southaven is going to build a fire department on that property, they need to put the road in as well. Mr. Armstrong said that with all due respect, the next time the City of Southaven comes before the Board to get the County to build a road, the Board needs to tell them that such a deal is possible only if the City plans to build a road to the Civic Center. Supervisor John Caldwell cautioned against building a new building with no road to get to it. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that the County needs to take advantage of the equipment that has been purchased and the climate this area of the country has to allow us to build the roads.

The Board of Supervisors instructed the Road Manager to break down the costs that the County is to put into these projects.

Oak Grove Road - Acquire right-of-ways, and widen pavement approximately 1.2 miles from Fogg Road west of Arkabutla Lake at an estimated cost of \$50,000. The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, said that two cars cannot meet on this road currently and asphalt needs to be added on both sides of the road to allow cars to pass.

Old Highway 61 - Design, acquire right-of-way and construct approximately 0.3 mile of roadway from existing Old Highway 61 to Highway 61. Estimated cost \$435,000. Mr. Gunn said that this includes a railroad crossing and said if the County builds this project rather than contracting it out, the cost would be approximately \$200,000.

Pleasant Hill Road - extend box culverts at Baptist Road and at Memphis Stone and Gravel pit and straighten curve at Baptist Road. Estimated cost \$50,000. The Road Manager said that Central Maintenance cannot do this work because there are no shoulders on the roadway. Therefore, it will have to be contracted. Mr. Gunn said that the County can straighten the curve in the road.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that he wanted to add Packing Plant Road to the Four Year Road Plan as this alternate roadway into the Hernando Civic Center would alleviate traffic congestion in that area. The Board of Supervisors agreed to add approximately one-half mile to construct this road. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that the landowner will donate the right of way if the County will build the road.

Polk Lane - Construct approximately 1.0 mile of roadway from existing Polk Lane north to Stateline Road at an estimated cost of \$1,500,000. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that the County does not have to pay any of this project as this is part of the Williams Sonoma money.

Supervisor John Caldwell instructed the Road Manager to add the Airways project from Goodman to Church Road that the County committed to at an estimated cost for the County of \$750,000.

Stateline Road - Construct approximately 1.0 mile of roadway from Hacks Cross Road east to
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Polk Lane. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that this is part of the Williams Sonoma project and funding has been provided for this roadway.

S. R. Highway 301 - Cut down hill at Starlanding Road at an estimated cost of \$20,000. The

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Road Manager clarified to the Board of Supervisors that this will cost labor only and he is working with Jimmy Dickerson of MDOT on the project.

Tulane Road - Design, acquire right-of-way and construct approximately 0.5 mile of roadway from the new Highway 304 interchange north to existing Tulane Road at Dean Road. Estimated cost \$450,000. Supervisor John Caldwell said that we will need to have that money unless we build the highway ourselves. Supervisor Caldwell said that we need to get with the state to find out their schedule for the construction of Highway 304. The Board anticipated it to be five years.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that there is a bridge on Magnolia Street and a bridge on Old Highway 51 where two cars cannot cross because the bridges are too narrow and something needs to be done as traffic in both areas is already increasing. Mr. Gunn speculated that it may be possible for him to replace the bridges with a box culvert.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin reminded the Board about the bridge that burned recently on the Tate County side of the county line at Red Banks Road. Supervisor Medlin said that he has spoken with a Tate County Supervisor and their plans are to reconstruct the bridge. However, they would like to straighten the road in this area when the bridge is constructed and have asked the County to participate on the DeSoto County portion to build the roadway to the new bridge. The Board instructed the Road Manager to add this portion of roadway to the Four Year Road Plan.

The Board of Supervisors discussed that some of the estimated costs of these projects will be absorbed through the Road Department budget already allocated. The Board of Supervisors advised the Road Manager to break down the charges to show how much of the estimated costs will be paid through already budgeted expenditures, how much will be paid through grants, state aid or other funding, and how much the Board of Supervisors will need to designate in addition for county roads. The Road Manager said that the Board of Supervisors will have to prioritize the projects as it would be impossible to undertake all of these projects in four years. The Road Manager explained that it is likely that some of these projects will only have certain phases started during the four years. The Board of Supervisors asked Kenny Gunn to develop a cost plan and a list of which projects are to be contracted and which projects the County road department will handle.

The Board of Supervisors agreed that 25 miles of road in one year is not enough road for overlay in a county with six hundred miles of roadway. Supervisors Tommy Lewis said that if the Board agrees that these are the priorities, then the Board needs to do a second overlay contract during the year to include more county roadway.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that he is in favor of the overlay projects listed for the year 2000 but not the others and voiced dissatisfaction that more roadways in the municipalities are not included in the road plan. He said that he never thought that the unit system was for the unincorporated areas of the County only. Supervisor Thach said, for example, probably thirty percent of the taxes for roads come from his district, however, only ten percent of the funds were allocated in that district. Supervisor Thach said that in comparing the system in other counties, he has been told that they work with their municipalities to provide road work in cities.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin responded that the County puts money into the cities regularly and

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cited as examples Hacks Cross Road, Airways Road, etc.

Supervisors Jessie Medlin speculated that the County may not have to issue a bond for the overlay projects listed. However, Supervisor Thach said that the Road Manager should not use this list to advertise as the Board of Supervisors may want to trade certain roadways before the bid is let.

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The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, brought the Board’s attention to page ten of the Four Year Road Plan which lists chip-seal projects. The Road Manager said these projects will cover all of the county’s gravel roads that have been taken in to date.

Supervisor John Caldwell said that the County is not going to be able to live on \$1 million dollars of overlay. Supervisor Tommy Lewis agreed.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to adopt the Four Year Road Report for construction projects only, with the addition of the Goodman-Airways project at \$750,000 recently committed to by the County on page one; the elimination of the Church Road-Widen to five lanes with curb and gutter to Tulane; the addition of Packing Plant Road extension to the Hernando Civic Center on page three; the addition of participation with Tate County to straighten Red Banks Road where Tate County is replacing a burned bridge; the addition of the replacement of a narrow bridge on Magnolia Street and the replacement of a narrow bridge on Old Highway 51. After further discussion Supervisor Jessie Medlin withdrew the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell withdrew the second.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to accept the Four Year Road Plan as presented by the Road Manager with the following changes:

- C. Goodman-Airways Project at \$750,000
- D. Elimination of the Church Road-Widen to five lanes with curb and gutter to Tulane
- E. Addition of Packing Plant Road extension to DeSoto County Civic Center
- F. Addition to participation with Tate County to straighten Red Banks Road where Tate County is replacing a burned bridge
- G. Addition of the replacement of a narrow bridge on Magnolia Street
- H. Addition of the replacement of a narrow bridge on Old Highway 51

The **motion passed** by vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	NO
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

****See Exhibit C.1****

Supervisor John Caldwell said that the Board has not discussed the need for road improvements throughout the County in subdivisions such as the summerhome neighborhoods in Eudora. Supervisor Caldwell said that these neighborhoods will never get on a high priority list because they only service those who live in the neighborhoods. Supervisor Caldwell said that eighty-three coves were left out when road improvements were made in the area. Supervisor Caldwell said that he does not have a solution because the cost to improve these roads would be astronomical and some may not be able to be improved at all. Supervisor Caldwell said that the

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Board has never discussed a special assessment tax but said this may be a candidate for such a discussion. Supervisor Caldwell said that the property owners knew what they were getting when they bought the property. However, the roads are a hazard and the County cannot continue to put them off. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that every District has some of those roads. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that he has been on some of those roads and he agrees that they are terrible and that the County needs to do something. However, there may not be an

easy fix for these roads.

2. Applications for CDBG Funds

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that Chris Gouras of Gouras and Associates recommended that the Board hire an architect to start determining the County's need so that the CDBG application process can be started. Mr. Armstrong suggested that the County hire Marvin Johnson as the architect. Mr. Armstrong said that the architect will keep up with his hours and if formally appointed as the architect for the project, his fees will be added to the CDBG application. Mr. Armstrong informed the Board that Bud Gates of Nesbit Water Association sent a letter to the Board relinquishing its request to apply for CDBG funds so that the County can pursue funds for another public works project.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what the deadline is for CDBG applications. Mr. Armstrong said that applications are due April 6 through April 10, 2000. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what project the County is going to pursue. Mr. Armstrong said that CDBG funds will be requested for a building for DHS, the Health Department, and Civil Defense. Supervisor Medlin asked if Mr. Armstrong had Sam Russell of the Planning Commission check the property in question to see what its best use is. Mr. Armstrong said that the Planning Commission has actually drawn out what the best use of the property is.

Supervisor John Caldwell said that the County Administrator needs to check with Marvin Johnson to make sure he has enough time to work on this project before he commits to it. Mr. Armstrong said he would talk to Mr. Johnson if the Board approves him as the architect.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to hire Marvin Johnson as the architect to assess the need for a new building for DHS, the Health Department, and for Civil Defense if his schedule permits time to work on the project, and if not, for the County Administrator to recommend another architect for the project. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit C.2****

3. Four-Way Stop Sign at Nail and Poplar Corner

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board that this item was held over at the recommendation of Supervisor Gerald Clifton so that he could review the request for a four-way stop sign at Nail and Poplar Corner. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said that there is a hill blocking vision if you are traveling west on Nail Road. Supervisor Clifton asked the Board to hold this item because he has not been able to fully investigate the request due to bad weather and illness. Supervisor Eugene Thach told Supervisor Clifton to check with the Road Manager about this request because the Board usually upholds recommendations of the Road Manager. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to hold this item until February 7, 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit C.3****

4. Archives Department

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that he had talked to Elbert Hilliard of the Department of Archives to see if the rumor was true that DeSoto

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County may lose its Archives Department if a new location is opened in Oxford. Mr. Armstrong said that Mr. Hilliard told him that the rumor was not true and that the Department of Archives could not legally take any records from DeSoto County and even if it could, space availability in Jackson, MS, Department of Archives would not permit it. Mr. Armstrong said he talked to Mr. Watts of the Genealogy Department and told him that the rumor was not true.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that he would still like to have an official Archives Department in DeSoto County. Supervisor Lewis said that efforts should be made to preserve and maintain

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records for public review. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he agrees with Supervisor Lewis and suggested that County Administrator David Armstrong contact the Department of Archives and have someone come to discuss the issue with the Board. Mr. Armstrong said he would call to see if a representative will come and meet with the Board. ****See Exhibit C.4****

5. Interlocal Agreement Between DeSoto County and Cities

County Administrator David Armstrong said that the Board held this item over because Supervisor Eugene Thach was not present to discuss this item at the last meeting. Mr. Armstrong said that Board Attorney Bill Austin will present this item.

Board Attorney Bill Austin said that the Interlocal Agreement between DeSoto County and the City of Southaven is ready to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Austin said that the interlocal is broad in definition so that work can be done and equipment can be furnished to do work in the parks, or funds can be appropriated to do work or furnish equipment. Mr. Austin said the interlocal is similar to the one approved for Olive Branch. Mr. Austin said that interlocals for Hernando, Horn Lake, and Southaven have also been drafted and are ready for Board approval. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between DeSoto County and the City of Southaven, DeSoto County and the City of Hernando, and DeSoto County and the City of Horn Lake. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit C.5****

6. Gun Ordinance

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that a gun ordinance was drafted and a public hearing was held on June 9, 2000 but that the ordinance was not adopted at that time. Mr. Armstrong said that the issue was taken under advisement and has not been addressed again until Supervisor Lewis asked about it at the meeting on January 18, 2000. Mr. Armstrong said since that time, Supervisor John Caldwell asked that residence as outlined in the ordinance be defined. Mr. Armstrong said the definition was taken from the Planning Commission code and inserted in subsection E of the ordinance. Mr. Armstrong said that on page one “the discharge of any firearm within a platted subdivision or within 100 yards of the boundaries of a platted subdivision is prohibited” was also added with exceptions listed below it.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that Planning Director Merritt Powell wanted to be present when this item was discussed.

Monty Westmoreland, a resident of Walls, told the Board that he has had a farm in Walls on the bluffs since 1986 and that he was in favor of the County adopting a gun ordinance. Mr. Westmoreland said that in 1998 his land was designated as a soil and water conservation area and that his land is now a lawful hunting area. Mr. Westmoreland said the “100 yards” provision hurts him and is not fair to other hunters and landowners since they were there prior to the subdivision being built near his property. Mr. Westmoreland said he was in favor of all of the gun ordinance but that he requested the addition of a paragraph to the ordinance stating that the discharge of firearms within 100 yards of a platted subdivision shall not apply to property of

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100 acres or more where lawful hunting is utilized in compliance with federal and state hunting regulations. Mr. Westmoreland gave a copy to each Supervisor with the requested addition to the proposed ordinance.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said that Mr. Westmoreland has a valid point that should be considered. Supervisor John Caldwell said that he would be in favor of the paragraph if the ordinance states that it will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Supervisor Caldwell said that residents should have a say in the matter. Mr. Westmoreland said that a farm can have up to \$2.5 million liability insurance and that in his case, he posted signs so that individuals buying a

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home in the subdivision by his property would be aware that the area is a hunting area.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the main concern of the Board is safety. Supervisor Thach said the ordinance was drafted after constituents expressed concern about not having a gun ordinance. Supervisor Thach said the request will be considered and that the Board is not in a position to make a decision today.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Planning Director Merritt Powell if copies of other ordinances were used to draft this gun ordinance. Mr. Powell said that several ordinances were followed to draft the ordinance with the Planning Commission's own wording, too.

Supervisor John Caldwell suggested that "residents" of a platted subdivision be put in the ordinance instead of "boundaries" of a platted subdivision.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to hold this item over so that Planning Director Merritt Powell can review the ordinance with the requested changes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit C.6****

7. Appointments

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors of the list of appointments that have not been reappointed to date.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to reappoint Leonard Lindsay as the District 2 appointment to the Planning Commission. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Eugene Thach informed the Board that Supervisor Tommy Lewis has agreed to serve on the North Delta Planning Committee. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to appoint Supervisor Tommy Lewis to the North Delta Planning Committee. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to remove Mitch Mitchell as the District 3 appointment to the Board of Adjustments and to appoint Mitch Mitchell and Loretta Tronski as the District 3 appointments on the Planning Commission, to appoint Kinsey Wilhite as the District 3 appointment on the Board of Adjustments, to reappoint Dale Thompson as the clerk on the Massage Parlor Commission, to reappoint John Caldwell to the North Central Mississippi Resource Conservation and Development Committee, to reappoint Ruthie House as the District 4 appointment to the Board of Adjustments, to reappoint Mary Deaton and Connie Sparks for District 4 to the City of Horn Lake Library Board, to reappoint John Harpole as the District 4 appointment to the License Commission, to reappoint Lloyd Delaney as the District 4 appointment to the Massage Parlor Commission, to reappoint Don Carnell as the District 4 appointment to the Park Commission, to

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reappoint James Mayfield, C. G. Richardson, and Claudia Neibanck as the District 4 appointments to the Planning Commission, to reappoint Mike Riley as the District 4 appointment to the Handicap Compliance Grievance Committee, and to hold the appointment to the District 3 Walls Sewer District and the appointment to the DeSoto County Grievance Committee until February 7, 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit C.7****

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sam Lauderdale - Hernando Mainstreet

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Sam Lauderdale, President of the Hernando Mainstreet Chamber of Commerce presented a copy of the Hernando Mainstreet Chamber of Commerce Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Lauderdale said that the Hernando Mainstreet Chamber of Commerce receives a majority of its funding through membership dues and the City of Hernando. Mr. Lauderdale said the Hernando Mainstreet Chamber of Commerce is located in the same building as the DeSoto Council and that the Hernando Mainstreet Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual 4th of July Parade, Pumpkin Project, Christmas Open House, and the Hernando Christmas Parade. Mr. Lauderdale said that the Hernando Mainstreet Chamber of Commerce also supports a variety of things such as the A'Fair, golf tournaments, and the Hernando Civic Center.

Mr. Lauderdale commended the Board of Supervisors for their efforts to maintain the Courthouse grounds and for the Board's efforts to promote positive growth in DeSoto County.

Mr. Lauderdale informed the Board of Supervisors that the Hernando Mainstreet Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an Arts project to be presented by two of the local women's clubs. Mr. Lauderdale said the Arts Night, which will be a display of the work of DeSoto County artists, is scheduled for the night of April 8, 2000. Mr. Lauderdale said that the displays will be in several buildings on the square and that the Hernando Mainstreet Chamber of Commerce is requesting permission to have the Courthouse open that night for approximately two hours so that the paintings in the rotunda can be viewed by the public. Mr. Lauderdale said that the funds received from the Arts Night will be used to relight the buildings around the square.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he has no objection to the Courthouse being open that night but that the Courthouse renovation may prevent it from being opened.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to open the Courthouse the night of April 8, 2000 for the Arts Night if Director of Operations and Maintenance Jim Bearden deems the construction of the Courthouse not to be a safety hazard to the public. **The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **See Exhibit D.1****

Sam Lauderdale also informed the Board of Supervisors that Sam McCoy is the architect for the Hernando Mainstreet Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Lauderdale said that Mr. McCoy gives a rough idea of how to conform with the construction of the buildings on the square so that the area will be more uniform. Mr. Lauderdale said that Mr. McCoy would be willing to meet with the Board if they wanted to talk to him regarding future construction projects of DeSoto County.

2. Federal Credit Union

Personnel Director Ginger Allison informed the Board of Supervisors that she sent out a questionnaire to the County employees to see if the employees are interested in joining a credit

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union. Ms. Allison said that to date she had received 153 positive responses and 10 negative responses from employees. She said that all employees have not responded. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that some probably won't respond but that the majority of the employees are in favor of a credit union. Ms. Allison said that she recommends having a federal credit union and then the option is available for those who would like to join the credit union.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the Federal Credit Union will affect the Accounting Department. Ms. Allison said that it will to an extent, such as having deductions taken out of paychecks for Christmas clubs or other things.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked about positive aspects of this credit union. Ms. Allison said that FAA is a non-profit organization serving as a Federal Credit Union since 1954. She said it

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costs nothing to join because when \$5.00 is initially deposited, the individual will get the \$5.00 back if it chooses to no longer be a member.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the County has to provide space. Ms. Allison said that the County will not. Ms. Allison said that the FAA Federal Credit Union has several offices in the Memphis area but none in DeSoto County. She said that members will receive a card with a PIN, which will allow members to access their accounts to withdraw money, etc. without going to one of the branch locations.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the school has a credit union. Ms. Allison said that they do but it is only for school personnel. Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked if a person can remain a member of the credit union if they leave the County. Ms. Allison said that a person can remain in the credit union even if they are no longer affiliated with the County. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how employees will join. Ms. Allison said a representative will come to meet with employees.

Board Attorney Bill Austin asked if the County is eligible to join the State Credit Union. Ms. Allison said she contacted the State a few years ago and they never came to discuss it.

Ms. Allison said that the County has to write a letter to FAA requesting to join the credit union. She said once the request is approved, it takes approximately four weeks to set up the credit union.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the County had checked with other credit unions to see which has the best benefits. Ms. Allison said that this particular credit union came to County Administrator David Armstrong about the County joining. Supervisor Caldwell said he would like Ms. Allison to present three top recommendations to the Board for review. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to hold this item over so that Personnel Director Ginger Allison can contact other credit unions and then recommend three credit unions for the Board of Supervisors to choose. The **motion passed** by unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.2****

3. Animal Control Vehicle - Request to use Old Truck for Part-Time Animal Control Officer

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that Animal Control Director Clara Riley is requesting that a part-time animal control officer be allowed to use her old truck since she has received her new truck. Mr. Armstrong said that the truck has over 128,000 miles on it and the part-time animal control officer would use it instead of being reimbursed for mileage. Supervisor John Caldwell said that it should be auctioned if it is not a good truck.

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Board Attorney Bill Austin said that the County can legally designate the truck for the part-time animal control officer.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what vehicles Building and Grounds needs. Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance said they can use this truck and that they have ordered two new trucks and the Sheriff's Department is transferring a Crown Victoria that can be used around town to pick up parts.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to use the old Animal Control vehicle for Building and Grounds until the Board of Supervisors receive their trucks and to reconsider the request to use the old truck for the part-time animal control officer at that time. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

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4. Mid-State Opportunity, Inc. - Request for Funds for Handicapped Buses

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that the request for funds for handicapped buses from Mid-State Opportunity is actually the quarterly allocation for January through March, 2000. Mr. Armstrong said that the letter from Program Planner Mitzi Woods of Mid-State Opportunity is to let the Board know that the funds will be used for elderly and handicapped buses. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the quarterly allocation for Mid-State Opportunity for January through March, 2000 in the amount of \$18,250.00 and authorized the Clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.4****

5. Transfer of Vehicles

a. Sheriff’s Department to EMS

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a request from the Sheriff’s Department to transfer scrap vehicles to EMS to be used in fire and rescue training. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Road Manager Kenny Gunn if there is going to be an auction where these vehicles can be auctioned. Mr. Gunn said there is not enough vehicles to have an auction. Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, said that the vehicles are ready to be scrapped. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to transfer the following vehicles from the Sheriff’s Department to EMS for training purposes and to declare the vehicles as scrap and to remove them from inventory:

<u>Property Number</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>VIN</u>
200019	88 Chevrolet	1G1BL5169JR162442
22032	93 Pontiac	1G2WH54TLPF288465
20023	91 Ford	2FACP72G7MX151507
20190	85 Ford Van	1FDHS34L4FHC30990
14022	86 Ford Van	1FDHS3410GHC15579
14068	97 Ford	2FALP71W0VX111330
14058	96 Ford	2FALP71WXTX107489
14054	96 Ford	2FALP71W5TX107495

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.5.a****

b. Sheriff’s Department to Building and Grounds and Fire Inspector

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to transfer a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN 2FALP71W7VX111325, Property Number 14020 to

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the Fire Inspector and to transfer a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN 2FALP71WXPX107492, Property Number 14055 to Building and Grounds. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.5.b****

6. Review and Recommendation of Countywide Cellular Telephone Service

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors that she received an analysis from BellSouth Mobility of each departments cellular telephone service and listed the recommendations of service for each department out to the side of each cellular number. Vanessa said several departments have called and changed their cellular plans. She said she told the BellSouth Mobility representative that no one is authorized to change service except the County Administrator’s Office with the Board of Supervisors’ approval.

Vanessa said that EMS Director Bobby Storey is a good example of the usage of cellular service. Vanessa said that he does not take advantage of the cellular service despite the

number of people he has to contact. She said he uses the cell phone only when no other option is available and should be commended for it.

Vanessa recommended that the County Administrator be changed to the all-in-one plan so that he will not have to pay roaming charges when he is traveling. Vanessa said that a particular phone will have to be purchased to get this plan. She said it is the same plan and phone approved for Civil Defense Director, T. H. Walker. The other recommendations for countywide cellular telephone service as follows:

<u>Cellular Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
901-496-9709	Metro Narcotics	Free nights & weekends, lower to 450 minutes
901-212-2854	Metro Narcotics	Free nights & weekends
901-827-6591	Metro Narcotics	Free nights & weekends
901-604-5892	Central Maintenance	Keep current plan
901-604-5890	Central Maintenance	Keep current plan
901-604-5889	Central Maintenance	Keep current plan
901-604-5894	Central Maintenance	Keep current plan
901-604-5891	Central Maintenance	Keep current plan
901-604-5893	Central Maintenance	Keep current plan
901-828-3029	Lewisburg Ambulance	Keep current plan
901-494-9080	EMS Director	Keep current plan
901-827-5508	Paul LeBlanc	Lower to 450 minutes
901-485-2346	Fire	Increase to 250 minutes
901-486-3805	Coroner	Keep current plan
901-486-9770	Ext. Service Director	Keep current plan
901-827-1037	Board President	Keep current plan
901-734-4747	County Administrator	All-In-One package/250 minutes with new phone
901-212-3934	County Judge	Keep current plan
901-603-7003	Jim Ivy	Keep current plan
901-603-8242	Animal Control	Increase to 750 minutes
901-212-0034	Chancery Clerk Adm	Keep current plan
901-268-6323	Eudora EMS	Lower to 250 minutes
901-268-7623	Building & Grounds	Add Free Nights & Weekends, 250 minutes
901-268-7624	Operations & Maint	Keep current plan
901-827-1970	Road Manager	Increase to 450 minutes
901-827-2039	Fam & Children Svc	Free Nights & Weekends, increase to 100 minutes
901-488-5764	Circuit Clerk Adm	Keep current plan
901-496-2149	Walls Ambulance	250 minutes
901-488-3416	Walls Ambulance	Cancel - Ambulance burned

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Supervisor Eugene Thach asked why the County is not on a corporate rate. Vanessa said that the corporate rate was quoted higher than the plans the County is currently using. Vanessa said that certain fees are waived for the County, such as a \$15.00 charge to change services.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the above listed recommendations for countywide cellular telephone service as recommended by Director of Administrative Services, Vanessa Lynchard, and to approve the purchase of a new cellular telephone for the County Administrator that is compatible to the all-in-one calling plan. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.6****

Supervisor Tommy Lewis requested that the Board of Supervisors have cellular phones because he has to use his personal cell phone when discussing County business. Supervisor John Caldwell said he agrees with Supervisor Lewis and said that County business does use up minutes on their personal phones. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize cellular telephones for the Board of Supervisors with a package of 250 minutes at a cost of \$35.00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

7. W. E. Bingham - Driveway

W. E. Bingham addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding a request to replace his driveway that was torn up when pipes were laid for the Administration Building. Mr. Bingham said that affected area is approximately 33' by 14'. Mr. Bingham said he was told by the contractor that the driveway would be placed with asphalt and instead it was replaced by white rock. County Administrator David Armstrong said that the first construction superintendent, Virgil Townsend, told Mr. Bingham that the driveway would be repaired with asphalt.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Board Attorney Bill Austin how to proceed. Board Attorney Bill Austin said the contractor should be the main person with DeSoto County backing up the contractor. Mr. Austin said this is just the latest obstacle that Mr. Bingham has had to endure on his property. Mr. Austin said that the first step should be to have Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, contact Panola Construction to see if they plan to do anything else to the driveway. Mr. Bingham said he has suffered through the entire construction process and that he thinks his request is fair.

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, said that Bill Burnett did not make the promise to Mr. Bingham to replace the driveway with asphalt, Virgil Townsend did. Mr. Bearden said that driveway could have been replaced when the equipment was still there but that Mr. Bingham waited until it was gone before he said anything about the driveway being unsatisfactory.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to have Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, inspect the driveway and provide a report to the Board of Supervisors of the status of the driveway, and to ask the contractor replace the driveway with asphalt, and if the contractor does not replace the driveway, for the County to bare the expense of replacing the driveway. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

8. New Mileage Reimbursement

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a memo to the Board of Supervisors from the State Department of Finance and Administration increasing the State’s mileage rate from 31 cents to 32.5 cents for travel reimbursement. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to increase the County mileage rate from 31

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cents to 32.5 cents for travel reimbursement in accordance with the new State rate and approved any future increase in rates for mileage reimbursement to be in accordance with the State rate. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.8****

9. Budget Amendment

a. Sheriff Aviation Department

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that the budget amendment for the Aviation Department is necessary to purchase a 4,000 gallon fuel tank to replace the one previously being used that has a leak. In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff Aviation Department under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Decrease	001-201-545	Other Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,500.00
Decrease	001-201-682	Equipment Repair Parts & Supplies	\$1,500.00

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Increase	001-201-935	Other Machine & Equipment	\$7,000.00
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The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.9.a****

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked where the tank is located. Jim Bearden, Director of Operations and Maintenance, said it is at the hut. Supervisor Lewis asked Mr. Bearden to make sure the leakage is being handled properly.

b. EMS

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for EMS under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Increase	001-240-674	Grease & Oil	\$ 700.00
Decrease	001-240-680	Tires & Tubes	\$ 500.00
Decrease	001-240-935	Other Equipment	\$200.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.9.b****

c. DHS/Child Support

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for DHS/Child Support under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Decrease	001-454-603	Office Supplies & Material	\$ 100.00
Increase	001-454-523	Contract Printing	\$ 100.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.9.c****

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d. Economic Assistance

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for Economic Assistance under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Decrease	001-450-603	Office Supplies & Equip.	\$ 100.00
Increase	001-450-523	Contract Printing	\$ 100.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.9.d****

e. Operations and Maintenance

County Administrator David Armstrong explained to the Board of Supervisors that this budget amendment is within the District 2 Park Budget and it is a new line item. In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor

Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for Operations and Maintenance under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Decrease	001-522-913	Other Construction	\$ 175.00
Increase	001-522-661	Horticulture Supplies	\$ 175.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.9.e****

f. Road Department

County Administrator David Armstrong explained to the Board of Supervisors that this budget amendment is for Supervisor John Caldwell’s mileage reimbursement. In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Road Department under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Decrease	156-300-930	Automobile	\$5,000.00
Increase	156-300-480	Mileage Reimbursement	\$5,000.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.9.f****

g. Animal Control

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for Animal Control under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19

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as follows:

Decrease	001-411-930	Purchase of Truck	\$ 375.00
Increase	001-411-935	Other Equipment	\$ 375.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.9.g****

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if Clara Riley got the decal with DeSoto County on her new truck yet. Vanessa Lynchard said that the lettering had been ordered. Vanessa said that the signs for the new vehicles ordered for the Supervisors have also been ordered. Vanessa said that they need to know if the Supervisors want DeSoto County only or DeSoto County Supervisor on their vehicle. Supervisor Tommy Lewis and Supervisor Gerald Clifton both said they wanted only DeSoto County on their vehicles.

h. Youth Court Grant

At the recommendation of County Administrator David Armstrong, Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to hold this item until February 7, 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.9.h****

i. E-911

At the recommendation of County Administrator David Armstrong, Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to hold this item until February 7, 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.9.i****

j. Board of Supervisors

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Board of Supervisors under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

Decrease	001-100-933	Office Equipment	\$ 200.00
Increase	001-100-521	Legal Advertising	\$ 200.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.9.j****

10. Making Fully Executed Contract between DeSoto County Planning Commission and the University of Memphis Part of Minutes

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board that the contract between the DeSoto County Planning Commission and the University of Memphis for internship program has already been approved by the Board and that the signed contract needs to be made a part of the minutes. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to make the fully executed contract between the DeSoto County Planning Commission and the University of Memphis a part of the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.10****

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11. Making Fully Executed Contract between DaimlerChrysler Part of Minutes (Extended Warranty for Animal Control Vehicle)

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board that the contract for the extended warranty for the new truck purchased for Animal Control Officer Clara Riley needs to be made a part of the minutes. Mr. Armstrong said the amount of the extended warranty was included in the purchase price of the truck. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to make the fully executed contract between DaimlerChrysler for the extended warranty for the animal control vehicle a part of the minutes. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.11****

12. Approval of Contract - Economic Assistance - Ikon

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the contract with Ikon for a period of thirty months for a new copier for Economic Assistance. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.12****

13. Approval of Negotiated Contract - Identix

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors that Robbie Riley renegotiated the contract with Identix and that the new cost of the service agreement is \$5,169.00 instead of \$7,752.00. Mr. Armstrong said the service agreement will now only

cover weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and that the Sheriff's Department recommends the new service agreement. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the negotiated service agreement with Identix at a total cost of \$5,169.00. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.13****

14. Request for County to Provide Flu Shots to Employees

Road Manager Kenny Gunn requested that the County provide flu shots to employees. Mr. Gunn said he has had numerous employees out with the flu and said that it would be beneficial if someone could come and give the shots to County employees. Mr. Gunn said insurance does not cover the shots. Vanessa Lynchard said she had called the Health Department and they are willing to come and give the shots at a cost of \$6.00 per person. County Administrator David Armstrong said he thought it is too late in the year to get the flu shots. Vanessa said the Health Department gives the shots until the end of February and that the nurse at the Health Department said it is still a good time to get the shot.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the County can pay for flu shots for employees. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that the County can pay for the flu shots for employees. Supervisor Medlin asked how much it would cost to provide the shots. Vanessa said that it is \$6.00 a shot and that there are approximately 350 County employees.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked if the County will also pay for dependents to receive the shot. Supervisor Medlin said for now it will only cover the employees and that the dependents can be added next year.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to send a memo to County employees to get an estimate of the number of employees wanting to get a flu shot so that an estimate can be given to the Health Department of the number of flu shots needed, and authorized a date to be scheduled for the shot to be given to the employees with the County paying for the shots. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

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15. Authorization to Rebid Two Used Vehicles for Metro Narcotics

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize Metro Narcotics to rebid two used vehicles and to advertise for bids for the two used vehicles. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

16. Contract for Prisoner Medical Services

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors that Dr. Rob Meacham made several changes to the prisoner medical service contract after the Board had approved it. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the contract approved by the Board was the same one that Dr. Meacham gave to the Board. Mr. Armstrong said that it is the contract that he gave the Board for approval but since then, he wants the contract to include the changes. Mr. Armstrong said that one change is necessary because Dr. Meacham is no longer with Southcrest Medical Group. Mr. Armstrong said the only significant change is Dr. Meacham's request to provide a semi-annual report instead of a quarterly report.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the County is liable if a nurse practitioner instead of the doctor answers calls. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he did not think the doctor had to be present since the nurse practitioner reports to the doctor. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that a nurse practitioner works under the doctor's liability and that the nurse practitioner has a medical obligation to check with the doctor if he or she is unsure about a patient's situation.

Supervisor John Caldwell said he thinks the Board should receive quarterly reports from Dr.

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Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to hold this item until February 7, 2000 to allow the Board Attorney to review the requested changes to the contract for prisoner medical services. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.16****

17. Request for Assistance

a. Walls Elementary School

b. Olive Branch Intermediate School

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the request from Superintendent of Education Jerry Baird for the County to supply the manpower, equipment, and to spread dirt on the playground at Walls Elementary School and to haul 75 tons of pea gravel from Memphis Stone from their Pleasant Hill Plant to the playground area at Olive Branch Intermediate School. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.17****

18. MDOT - Highway 304 - MDOT Resolution

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a letter to the Board of Supervisors from Jimmy Dickerson of MDOT requesting a letter or resolution from the Board agreeing to the location of the proposed road connecting the interchange on Highway 304 and Tulane Road. Mr. Armstrong gave a copy of a map indicating the location of the proposed interchange to each Supervisor. Mr. Armstrong said the interchange will be located approximately on the section line between Sections 33 and 34 and that MDOT will be responsible for constructing the road to the south from the proposed interchange to Tulane Road and the County will be responsible for constructing the road to the north of the proposed interchange to Tulane Road.

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Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to send a resolution to MDOT agreeing to the location of the proposed interchange on MS 304 between Tulane Road and Odom Road with MDOT responsible for constructing the road to the south from the proposed interchange to Tulane Road and the County responsible for constructing the road to the north of the proposed interchange to Tulane Road. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.18****

19. Personnel - County Engineer

County Administrator David Armstrong recommended that this item be held over so that County Engineer Daniel Murphey can make revisions to the job description. Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to hold this item over until February 7, 2000. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit D.19****

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The "Executive Session" portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of minutes called "Executive Session.

B. OTHER ISSUES

1. Animal Control Officer

Supervisor John Caldwell informed the Board that a part-time animal control officer is all that is needed now for Animal Control because it is during the slow season. Supervisor Caldwell

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said that during the next budget discussion, the Board needs to consider adding a full-time animal control officer so that the necessary personnel is available during the busy season for Animal Control.

2. Board of Supervisors Mileage Reimbursement

Board Attorney Bill Austin said that reimbursement for mileage and meals was approved for the Board of Supervisors at the time travel was approved to the MAS Mid-Winter Conference. Mr. Austin said that if the checks are to be issued before the claims docket is approved, the Board needs to authorize the Clerk to write the checks. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve reimbursement for mileage and meals for the Board of Supervisors for travel to the MAS Mid-Winter Conference and authorized the Clerk to write the checks. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

3. Request by Comptroller for New Desk Chair for Use in Office in Administration Building

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors that the Comptroller has requested a chair for her desk for use in the new Administration Building. Vanessa reminded the Board of Supervisors that all other furniture in the Administration Building was paid through the Administration bond money and requested the Board's direction for the Comptroller's request.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize the Comptroller to order a chair for her desk and pay for same through the Administration Building bond money. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

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4. Employee Leave During Inclement Weather

Vanessa Lynchard notified the Board of Supervisors that Ginger Allison, the Director of Personnel, has requested the Board's direction on how to handle employee leave on January 28th, when the County received over four inches of snow. The Board discussed the unfairness of not charging those employees any time off without rewarding the employees who did come to work. Chancery Clerk, Sluggo Davis, said that he will either give the employees that came in a day off or he will charge the ones that did not come in one-half day of leave. The County Administrator, David Armstrong, asked that the Board hold this matter over to allow him to make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

5. Homestead Exemption

At the recommendation of the Chancery Clerk, W.E. "Sluggo" Davis, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the homestead exemption changes as presented by the Chancery Clerk and as itemized through Exhibit F.5. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit F.5****

6. DeSoto County Budget Millage

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the County Administrator why the County millage went down for FY 2000. The County Administrator said that he will return a response at the next meeting.

7. Central Maintenance Recommendation for Delivery of Vehicles

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, notified the Board of Supervisors that two of the trucks ordered off state contracts have come in and are on the coast and must be picked up. The Road

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Manager said that an alternative to having a County employee drive to the coast, spend the night and return with the trucks, would be to have the trucks delivered at a cost of 75 cents per mile one way.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the Road Manager to contract to have the trucks delivered at a cost of 75 cents per mile, per truck based on the fact that the cost will not be more than the cost of three employees to leave work, travel and incur travel expenses to pick up each vehicle. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

8. Central Maintenance Recognition of Work Performance in Bad Weather

The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors commended the Road Manager, Kenny Gunn, for the performance of his department during the recent snowy weather DeSoto County experienced. The Board of Supervisors acknowledged that few problems occurred due to the diligence of the Road Department to take care of the roads early.

The Road Manager, Kenny Gunn said the credit for the condition of the roads belongs to the employees in the Road Department and Mr. Gunn said that his crew started at 5:00 a.m. and most worked at least a ten hour day on Friday. The Board acknowledged their appreciation for the services of the Road Department employees.

9. Approval of Final Resolution for County Wide Sewer Program

THAT ON THIS DATE, the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors did discuss the formation of the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority. The Board of Supervisors discussed that steps have been taken to inform the public and to receive public input on the issue of whether it is

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feasible and appropriate to form the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority. Further, the Board of Supervisors were advised that upon this Board's action on January 4th, and in previous meetings, all legal steps have been taken to legally establish the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority. The Board of Supervisors acknowledged the benefits a county-wide sewerage system will bring to DeSoto County. The Board of Supervisors further reflected

that, due to the record growth DeSoto County has experienced in the last ten years, a regional utility authority is necessary for the protection of the health, safety and well-being of DeSoto County residents.

THEREFORE, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the final resolution approving the establishment and creation of the DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority and directed the Board Attorney to file the petition for the formation. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to adjourn until February 7, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 31st day of January, 2000, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

EUGENE C. THACH, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

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